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1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. Previously submitted
 i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 iii. Other _____

b. Enclosed
 i. Amendment/Reply
 ii. Declaration, Rule 132
 iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 iv. Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for
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 b. Other _____

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Transmitted herewith is a Request for Continued Examination and Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

- Small Entity Status is/has been asserted for this application under 37 CFR 1.27.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27 is enclosed.
- No additional fee is required.
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